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DETAILED ACTION

In response to the election/restriction requirement on 4/1/08, applicant elected claims 1-4 and 6-9 for examination and cancelled all other claims. Claims 1-4 and 6-9 were examined. Applicant's remarks with respect to these claims were fully considered, but are moot in view of new rejections made below in response to applicant's amendments to these claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-4 and 7-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wilson (US 5,742,680) in view of Goldstein et al (US 6,128,735).

Claim 1:

Wilson discloses:

1. Storing a first set of encryption data associated with a first data stream (col 4, lines 4, 14-26) wherein the first data stream includes a first number of services of at least two different service types (col 5, lines 5-17 and col 6, lines 8-27). *Data of a first channel is encryption using a first algorithm and key, which implies that the algorithm and key used for the encryption of the first channel was stored.*

2. Encrypting the first data stream having a first-level-of-encryption (col 4, lines 14-26 and col 5, lines 5-17 and 24-67).
3. Sending the first data stream to a destination device for decryption (col 4, lines 14-26 and Fig 2).
4. Storing a second set of encryption data associated with a second data stream (col 4, lines 14-26) wherein the second data stream includes a second number of services of the at least two different service types that is different from the first number of services (col 5, lines 5-17 and 51-62 and col 6, lines 8-27). *One skilled should appreciate that in cable television systems, each channel has different programming, thus the data stream for a first channel is different than the data stream for a second channel.*
5. Encrypting the second data stream having a second-level-of-encryption, the first level-of-encryption being different from the second-level-of-encryption (col 4, lines 14-26 and col 5, lines 5-17 and 24-67).
6. Sending the second data stream to the destination device for decryption (col 4, lines 14-26 and Fig 2).

The above cited sections of Wilson describe a system where different satellites transmit programs for different channels to cable boxes where the signals of each channels are decrypted and descrambled. Each channel is encrypted using a different algorithm and key. As evidenced by Goldstein (col 1, lines 58-62), the level of encryption varies depending on the encryption algorithm used. Since each channel of

Wilson's invention is encrypted using a different algorithm, Wilson's invention has a different level of encryption for each channel. The signal for a first channel in Wilson's invention can be considered a first data stream and the signal for a second channel can be considered a second data stream. Further, note that the signal for each channel is composed of at least a video signal and audio signal (col 6, lines 16-27), thus the first and second data stream disclosed by Wilson include a number of services of at least two different service types.

Wilson's invention differs from applicant's claimed invention in that the signals for each channel is transmitted from a different satellite (see Fig 2), which implies that different memory are used to encrypt the first and second data stream with their respective level of encryption. That is Wilson does not disclose "utilizing a common memory to encrypt the first data stream at said first-level-of-encryption and to encrypt the second data stream at the second-level-of-encryption". However, Goldstein discloses of an invention which encrypts different data streams with different encryption levels using either multiple encryption engine or a common encryption engine having a common memory (col 8, lines 21-32).

In light of Goldstein's teachings, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time applicant's was made to modify Wilson's invention so that it utilizes a common memory to encrypt the first data stream at said first-level-of-encryption and to encrypt the second data stream at the second-level-of-encryption. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to do so replacing multiple encryption engines with a single encryption engine capable of different levels of

encryption is simple substitution of one known element for another to obtain predictable results.

Claim 2:

Wilson further discloses wherein the first set of encryption data comprises at least one encryption key (col 4, lines 14-26; col 5, lines 5-13).

Claim 3:

Wilson further discloses wherein the destination device comprises a set-top box (col 7, lines 9-23).

Claim 4:

Wilson further discloses storing a plurality of decryption algorithms at the set-top box (col 5, lines 37-67 and col 7, lines 9-23). The set-top box has several smart cards, each one containing a different decryption algorithm for different channels.

Claim 7:

Wilson further discloses decrypting the first data stream at the set-top box; and decrypting the second data stream at the set-top box (col 5, line 5-col 6, line 15).

Claim 8:

Wilson does not explicitly disclose storing a portion of the first set of encryption data in a RAM. However, official notice is taken that it was well known in the art that data that are actively being used by a computing system is typically loaded onto RAM. Since Wilson's invention uses a first set of encryption data to encryption data for transmission to set-top boxes, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to store a portion of the first set of encryption data in a RAM. One skilled would have

been motivated to do so because data actively being used are typically kept in RAM in computer systems since it allows fast access to the data when needed.

Claims 6 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wilson (US 5,742,680) in view of Goldstein et al (US 6,128,735) in view of Gammie et al (US 5,381,481).

Claim 6:

Wilson discloses wherein the first-level-of-encryption utilizes a first encryption algorithm and wherein the second-level-of-encryption utilizes an encryption algorithm different from said first encryption algorithm (col 4, lines 14-26).

Wilson does not explicitly disclose the first encryption algorithm is the Data Encryption Standard. However, Gammie discloses of use of the Data Encryption Standard to encrypt data for transmission (col 5, lines 27-39). At the time applicant's invention was made, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to utilize the Data Encryption Standard for the first encryption algorithm in Wilson's modified invention. One skilled would have been motivated to do so because the Data Encryption Standard offers a high level of security for securing data. Further, note that Wilson is not concerned with the types of encryption algorithms used in his invention at all, only requiring that they are different for each channel, thus it would have been obvious to use the known Data Encryption Standard as one of the encryption algorithm

since it was a well known encryption standard at the time applicant's invention was made.

Claim 9:

Wilson does not explicitly disclose storing a portion of the first set of encryption data in a register of a microprocessor. However, Gammie discloses of an encryption system where a portion of a first set of encryption data is stored in a register of a microprocessor (col 9, lines 37-45). At the time applicant's invention was made, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to further modify Wilson's invention according to the limitations recited in claim 9. One skilled would have been motivated to do so because all processing in computing systems are done by a processor, thus to encrypt data using a first set of encryption data for transmission in Wilson's invention, it is necessary that the first set of encryption data is loaded onto and stored for at least a time in a register of a microprocessor.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the

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